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1. It is believed that Moscow intends to appear conciliatory and to give the impression that there has been a basic change in its foreign policy. By covert channels the Russians are spreading stories to the effect that Soviet foreign policy is now defensive and not offensive and that concessions on the Oder-Neisse border are possible.

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- 2. On the other hand, there are also reports which indicate that Moscow desires to maintain the status quo in Germany and wishes to establish diplomatic relations with the Bonn government.
- 3. Unrest in East German government circles over the Austrian settlement is answered by the SED by the assertion that the Russians would invade Germany if after unification any of their present supporters were harmed. A propaganda campaign is being waged for an "Austrian solution".
- 4. Authorities in Czechoslowakia and Poland are opposed to German reunification.
- 5. The Soviet move to neutralize Yugoslavia and to absorb it once more into the Soviet bloc will have little effect, at least in pulling Yugoslavia away from the West economically.

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